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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Inventor: NAKANO, Nobuyuki

Serial No. 09/641,345

Group Art Unit 3636

Filed: August 18, 2000

Title: SEATBACK FOR AUTOMOBILE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.99, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. No fee is required for this submission because it is submitted before the first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the documents are attached herewith with a completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to cite the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 in the next Office Action. In so doing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial in the space adjacent to the listing of each document on the Form PTO-1449, and return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449

with the next communication to Applicants, to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

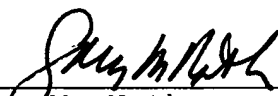
If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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S I R :

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98. Please note the following particulars:

[NOTE: One only of items a, b, c, and d must be checked.]

- [X] a. The enclosed statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last.
- [] b. The enclosed statement is being filed after a first action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311.

The enclosed statement is accompanied by [check one]:

- [] i. a certification in part (e) below as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), or
- [] ii. a check in the amount of \$240.00 required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).
- [] c. The enclosed statement is being filed after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, but before payment of the issue fee.

PETITION: It is requested that the information being submitted be considered. [NOTE: If box (c) is checked, the following two boxes must be checked.]

- [] PETITION FEE: A check for \$130.00 required by 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1), is enclosed.
- [] CERTIFICATION is attended to in box (e) below.

- ☐ d. The enclosed statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(i), for placement in the file.
- ☐ e. Certification [Check one] [Certification is required only if box (b)(i) or box (c) is checked.]
- ☐ I hereby certify that each item of information contained in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement,
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- or
- ☐ Appropriate certification is attached.
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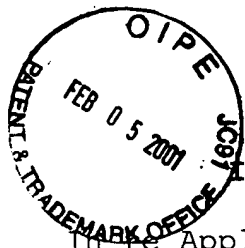
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Sir:


Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement
- (3) Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter
- (4) PTO Form 1449 with 7 references
- (5) Copy of European Search Report dated December 13, 2000

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